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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms was steady to fully steady. No sales reported. Demand uneven, ranging from light to good with most interest noted for deferred arrivals. Supplies sufficient for trade needs. Bulk parts and meats demand moderate, with most product finding a firm undertone. Offerings generally tight with most processors asking higher price levels.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light to moderate but slowed by availability. Most activity centered on thigh meat, a fair volume of frozen for prompt deliveries and a heavy volume of fresh booked for deferred shipment.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 01, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
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-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 02, 2001

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.20**	61.00**	64.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.40**	62.00	63.57
WESTERN REGION	62.00	60.50**	62.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.90**	60.50**	61.00
CENTRAL REGION	60.35**	61.00	61.35
WESTERN REGION	61.00	60.50**	59.80**

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.18	61.50	61.84
CENTRAL REGION	59.92	59.86	60.80
WESTERN REGION	60.71	61.67	61.25
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.32	60.14	58.50
CENTRAL REGION	59.43	59.55	57.71
WESTERN REGION	60.32	60.33	58.29

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	86-102

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 05-MAR-2001

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS	TOMS LBS
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	69.63 160	68.10 100
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	69.63 160	68.10 100
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JANUARY	391,641*
FEBRUARY 1-24, 2001	397,042*
To date 2001	788,683*
To date 2000	774,638*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED		LIVE
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	836	-2	22.63	(A)	839 22.63
S ATL	908	23	27.19	(A)	911 27.19
N CENT	1,912	-7	28.70	(A)	1,915 28.70
S CENT	583	-9	20.87	(A)	585 20.87
WEST	482	27	30.73	(A)	484 30.73
U.S.TOTAL	4,721(B)	1	26.57	13	4,734 26.57
TO DATE					
2001	36,361(B)		114		36,475
TO DATE					
2000	36,171(B)		304		36,475

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 267,000; last year to date 39,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,969	2,697	55	13	4,734
AVG WT	16.03	34.31	24.91	25.19	26.57
LAST WEEK	1,956	2,682	29	17	4,684
SAME WK YR AGO	5,350(B)		2	58	5,410
AVG WT	25.67(B)		24.00	25.40	25.67
TO-DATE/2001	36,094(B)		267	114	36,475
TO-DATE/2000	36,132(B)		39	304	36,475

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 1 MARCH 2001.

Supplies of breast meat were tight and spot trades surfaced at higher trending prices. Fresh thigh meat was tight, frozen thigh meat ranged from short of needs to held in firm hands. Bulk parts were mostly in close balance, however tom necks were available. The market tone was firm on drums and wings, steady on necks. Drummettes moved into export channels at 25 cents delivered port and tom necks at 23 cents delivered port. Export trading focused on thigh meat to Mexico and other destinations. A light volume of tom v-type wings were destined to Asia.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	101.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00-154.00		150.67	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	2
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	24.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	32.00	40
NECKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	13
NECKS, HEN		R	25.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00		170.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	56.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	57.00-60.00		58.98	96
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	114.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	121.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	142.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	145.00-149.00		146.33	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	59.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.07	880

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50		28.50	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.50	104
TAILS	25.00		25.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-58.00		57.35	600

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 2 MARCH 2001.

The market tone was firm on thigh meat, breast meat and other white meat items. Inquiries for prompt ship found fresh breast meat tight however a large volume was booked for deferred shipment with price ceilings. Supplies of bulk parts were tight and asking prices trended higher for tom drums. One load of breast pieces traded at 122 delivered. A fair volume of frozen thigh meat moved into export channels for prompt delivery and a large volume of fresh thigh meat was booked for April through September shipments. Some export buyers were out of the market at current asking prices on thighs and drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	101.50	80	101.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	150.67	60	150.67	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	91.00	80	91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	30.00	2	29.43	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	40	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	26.00		26.00	80	25.50	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	24.00	8	24.00	48
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	40	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	40	25.79	43
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	34.00		34.00	40	33.00	80
NECKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	30	25.07	64
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	40	150.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	166.00		166.00	120	161.70	400
THIGH MEAT		F	56.00	80		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	58.00-59.00		58.50	50	58.82	146
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	40	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00-114.00		112.17	240	112.17	240
TENDERLOINS		F	121.67	120		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	142.00	40	136.75	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	151.00-155.00		151.96	108	148.67	488
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00		59.00	148	59.13	308
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.50	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.38	80	16.01	960
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	28.50	52	29.07	212
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.50	104	27.00	420
TAILS		R	25.00	52	25.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.00	104	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.50-59.00		57.48	368	57.85	1,620

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